

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 2886 - SB 3100

March 31, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redesignates subjects to be covered by high school performance tests; requires passage of all required comprehensive assessment tests for graduation; allows tests for graduation to be taken in any order and upon completion of the underlying coursework. Remedial coursework for those who fail tests may count only as electives at the option of the State Board of Education.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 14 we issued a fiscal note on this bill which indicated an impact of *Minimal*. The impact was reflective on only the 1998-99 fiscal year, and was based on information received from the Department of Education.

The fiscal impact of this bill, based upon additional information obtained regarding the costs to develop and conduct such tests, is estimated to be:

**State Expenditures - Cost Avoidance - Exceeds \$8,500,000
FY 1999-2000 and thereafter**

Estimate assumes approximately 47 tests will be required in **all academic subjects** under current law by the 1999-2000 school year at a cost of approximately \$11,750,000. There is approximately \$2,900,000 available in the Department of Education's budget for subject matter tests.

Estimate assumes the maximum cost avoidance if no additional funding is provided above the proposed 1998-99 level.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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